



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

1-P September 29, 2015


PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ALLOCATE COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION
OF A GRANT TO THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS
FOR THE PELLISSIER VILLAGE EQUESTRIAN TRAIL HEAD PROJECT
(FIRST DISTRICT - 3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate County Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for general improvements along the San Gabriel River equestrian trail at Pellissier Road.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the recommended actions do not constitute a project pursuant to the California Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and the record of the project.
2. Allocate County Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for the Pellissier Village Equestrian Trail Head Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the

Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate County Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) for the proposed Pellissier Village Equestrian Trail Head Project (Project).

The proposed Project involves general improvements along the San Gabriel River equestrian trail at Pellissier Road including improvements to approximately 1,900 feet of existing trail and trailhead, and purchasing and installation of signage. The total estimated project cost is \$500,000 and is fully funded by the recommended County Excess Funds.

It is also recommended, that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), acting in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award a grant to LACC when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Propositions, as well as grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, and to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board's approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by improving and enhancing healthy activities in the First Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, is budgeted in the RPOSD's Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. LACC meets this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District for County projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director will be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Approval of the recommended actions is not a project pursuant to CEQA because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) (4) (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed actions are a creation of government funding mechanism and administrative activities of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with the CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. RPOSD is the lead agency for the proposed Project. The appropriate environmental document for the Project will be brought to the Board for consideration prior to construction.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended projects will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the First Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Directors

9/29/2015

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Interim Chief Executive Officer
Interim County Counsel
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors